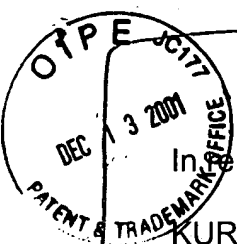


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 13, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, the period for response being extended from September 13, 2001 until December 13, 2001, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. A copy of the marked-up original specification is attached to this Response showing the changes, as required by amended 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 24 through page 15, line 11, with the following:

On the other hand, the outputs B and C of the photodetector 54 are added by the adder 59, and the outputs A and D are added by the adder 60. The outputs (B+C) and (A+D) are subtracted by the subtractor 65. The output (B+C) - (A+D) is applied to one of the terminals of the adder 67. Furthermore, outputs I and J of the photodetector 56

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